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- 1. PROBLEM OF PESTICIDE ON KIWIFRUIT WAS A MATTER OF TOO MANY FORMULATIONS, TOO MANY DIFFERENT FOREIGN REQUIREMENTS, TOO MANY FRUITS AND TOO FEW EMPLOYEES. NZ MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE TRIES TO FOLLOW PERMITTED AGRICULTURE CHEMICAL USES IN U.S. AND EC. IN THIS CASE THEY WERE FOLLOWING GERMAN FORMULATION FOR MIXING APPROVED CHEMICAL WHICH IS DIFFERENT IN CHEMICAL MAKE-UP FROM U.S. FORMULATION. HOWEVER, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR CERTIFICATIONS ON RESIDUES FOR EXPORT. IN ADDITION, THERE WAS CASUAL ASSUMPTION THAT TOLERANCE WAS ALLOWED ON OTHER EDIBLE FRUIT, THUS ASSUMED NO PROBLEM WITH KIWIFRUIT.
- 2. NZ AUTHORITIES EMBARRASSED AT BEING CAUGHT IN THIS SITUATION. THEY ARE ESTABLISHING INTERAGENCY AND INTERINDUSTRY GROUP TO FORESTALL THIS REOCCURRING ON EXPORTS. DETAILS OF RESPONSIBILITIES BEING WORKED UNCLASSIFIED

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